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Security Council

10.30 a.m. . . . . 5036th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Liberia

   Fourth progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Liberia (S/2004/725)

Morning[1] . . . . . 5037th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Sierra Leone

   Twenty-third report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (S/2004/724)

Morning[2] . . . . . 5038th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Afghanistan

Morning[3] . . . . . 5039th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East

Morning[4] . . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

The situation in the Middle East

Other matters

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[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 5036th meeting.
[2] To be held following the adjournment of the 5037th meeting.
[3] To be held following the adjournment of the 5038th meeting.
[4] To be held following the adjournment of the 5039th meeting.

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General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

10.30 a.m. 2nd plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee (A/59/250)

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

Executive session on the Board of Auditors

Economic and Social Council

Informal "informals"

There will be informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), on international cooperation in tax matters (item 13 (h)), *today*, 17 September 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

General Assembly
Fifty-ninth session

General debate
(21–24 September 2004, 27 September–1 October 2004)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) for the general debate of the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-2940B). The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) has also been sent by fax directly to the Permanent Missions (Office of the Permanent Representative). Delegations wishing to receive an electronic copy of the list are kindly requested to send an e-mail to dizon@un.org.

Delegations are reminded that in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly, a voluntary 15-minute time limit should be observed during the general debate. The list of speakers was prepared on the basis of this 15-minute time limit. To help speakers in the general debate respect the time limit, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum of the General Assembly Hall.

Other meetings

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Friday, 17 September 2004

UNITAR general briefing for new delegates to the General Assembly

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Group of 77 *(briefing "Making the MDGs operational: The emerging recommendations of the United Nations Millennium Project")*

10.30–11.30 a.m.	Closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(draft Ministerial Declaration)*

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room A

Group of 77 *(Global Environment Facility)*

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(Third Committee matters)*

3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 4

Central American Integration System (SICA) *(meeting of Permanent Representatives)*

3.30–5 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Friday, 17 September 2004

Room S-226

12 noon	Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Second Committee

The Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 4 October 2004, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The Under-Secretary-General, Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will make a statement. The list of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, will be open on Monday, 20 September 2004. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (tel. 1 (212) 963-8429; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail olvida@un.org)).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Nikhil Seth, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

Informal briefing

Pursuant to paragraph 3 (h) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the Third Committee will hold an informal briefing on the Committee's organization of work for the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, on Monday, 20 September 2004, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The briefing will be preceded by a short presentation by the Fire and Safety Unit under the provisions of a new safety policy for all meetings of 100 or more participants.

Economic and Social Council

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Second regular session 2004

The second regular session 2004 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund will be held from Monday to Friday, 20 to 24 September 2004, in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2004/L.3.

Informal high-level meeting

An informal high-level meeting on "Achieving the Millennium Development Goals in Africa: Paving the way for action in 2005 and beyond", sponsored by the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, will be held on Thursday, 23 September, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other forthcoming meetings

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UNITAR briefings on the General Assembly

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing the following briefing for delegates from Permanent Missions attending a session of the General Assembly for the first time:

Special briefing on the work of the Third Committee: Monday, 20 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6

For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Follow-up discussion of the report of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization (organized by the Permanent Missions of Finland and the United Republic of Tanzania and the International Labour Organization)

A follow-up discussion of the report of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization, hosted by the Permanent Missions of Finland and the United Republic of Tanzania, in collaboration with the International Labour Organization, will be held on Monday, 20 September 2004, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The event is entitled "Fair Globalization: Implementing the United Nations Millennium Declaration". Invited guests are kindly requested to be seated by 10.45 a.m. For further information, please contact the International Labour Organization Office for the United Nations (tel. 1 (212) 697-0150).

Meeting of Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers

There will be a meeting of Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers on Thursday, 23 September 2004, from 2.30 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

UNITAR workshops on information technology

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation jointly organize the 2004 Series entitled "Policy awareness and training in information technology" under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, which will be repeated four times throughout the year. The first four modules of each cycle focus on: (a) Introduction to computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet search basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page design basics and usability techniques. The fifth module, conceived as an interactive seminar, covers policy and security issues in information technology.

Cycle IV of the 2004 Series, to be conducted in English, will be held between 24 September and 19 November 2004. For further information, please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

Announcements

United Nations Expert Group Meeting to Review Critical Issues Relevant to the Planning of the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses

The United Nations Expert Group Meeting to Review Critical Issues Relevant to the Planning of the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses, organized by the Demographic and Social Statistics Branch, Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held *today*, 17 September 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3. [For further information: e-mail socialstat@un.org; Web site http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/meetings/egm/CensusEGM04]

Electronic notice boards for meetings

Electronic notice boards for meetings were recently installed in the General Assembly Lobby and at the garden level adjacent to the Cafe Austria to display updated information on scheduled meetings taking place at Headquarters. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management would welcome feedback comments on the screens, which can be addressed by e-mail to emeetsm@un.org, so that further adjustments can be made as necessary. The Department would also welcome comments sent to the same e-mail address on the terminology used, the quality of language services and improvement of other services provided to Member States.

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-ninth session

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-1942; room S-3420I).

Seating protocol for the fifty-ninth regular session

On Tuesday, 20 July 2004, in accordance with established practice, the Secretary-General drew lots for the purpose of determining which Member State would occupy the first desk on the General Assembly floor. The name drawn was Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; consequently, the delegation of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines will sit at the first desk at the right of the President and the other countries will follow in the English alphabetical order. The same order will be observed in the Main Committees.

Live webcast of the general debate of the fifty-ninth session

The general debate of the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly will be broadcast live and on-demand (in English and original language), from Tuesday, 21 September, to Friday, 1 October 2004, at the following address: www.un.org/webcast.

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements, in one or more of the United Nations official languages, to webcast@un.org for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

Second Committee

Background information on the report of the Secretary-General on globalization and interdependence (item 89 of the provisional agenda of the General Assembly) is available at the following address: www.un.org/esa/documents/ac2.htm.

Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Background information on the integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (pertaining to item 89 (e) of the provisional agenda of the General Assembly) is available at the following address: www.un.org/esa/policy.

International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, in his capacity as the Secretary-General of the Mauritius International Meeting, announces that as per General Assembly resolution 58/213B (A/RES/58/213B), the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Barbados+10) will take place from 10 to 14 January 2005 in Mauritius. The high-level segment will be held on 13 and 14 January 2005. If necessary, it was also decided that two days of informal consultations be held in Mauritius, on 8 and 9 January 2005, to facilitate preparations for the Meeting.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 September 2004, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 15 September 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

General Committee

1st meeting

Organization of the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items:

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/59/1)

(b) Letter from the President of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly (A/59/355)

Section I

The General Committee took note of paragraphs 3 and 4 of the memorandum.

Organization of the session (Section II)

Section II.A

The General Committee took note of paragraph 5 of the memorandum on rule 40 of the rules of procedure as well as document A/56/1005 pertaining to the functions of the Committee.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 6 of the memorandum concerning paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 58/316 pertaining to the functions of the General Committee.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 7 of the memorandum concerning the designation by each Vice-President, at the outset of each session, of a liaison person for the duration of the session.

Section II.B

The General Committee took note of paragraph 8 of the memorandum regarding resolutions of the General Assembly and a report of the Secretary-General relating to the administrative and financial functioning of the Organization.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 9 of the memorandum regarding an assessment of the debate on the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 10 of the memorandum concerning paragraph 1 (a) of the annex to resolution 58/316 on the rationalization of the work of the General Assembly.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 11 and 12 of the memorandum concerning the Main Committees.

Section II.C

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the fifty-ninth session should recess on Tuesday, 14 December 2004 and close on Monday, 12 September 2005.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that, during the main part of the session, the First Committee, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (the Fourth Committee) and the Sixth Committee complete their work by Thursday, 11 November, the Third Committee by Wednesday 24 November, the Second Committee by Tuesday, 7 December and the Fifth Committee by Friday, 10 December 2004.

Section II.D

The General Committee was informed that Saint Vincent and the Grenadines was the first delegation in the seating protocol of the General Assembly and the Main Committees.

Section II.E

The General Committee took note of paragraphs 17 and 18 of the memorandum regarding meeting hours at Headquarters, including the final two weeks of Ramadan from 1 to 11 November 2004, and measures to reduce costs relating to overtime.

In connection with paragraph 19 of the memorandum, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that, in accordance with past practice, it should waive the requirement that at least one third of the members of the Assembly in the case of plenary meetings and one quarter of the members of a Main Committee in the case of Main Committee meetings be present in order to declare a meeting open and to permit the debate to proceed.

Section II.F

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 20 and 21 of the memorandum regarding the general debate.

Section II.G

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly regarding the conduct of meetings mentioned in paragraph 22 of the memorandum.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the provisions contained in paragraph 23 of the memorandum dealing with explanations of vote and rights of reply.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 24 of the memorandum dealing with points of order.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly to review the recommendations referred to in paragraph 25 of the memorandum regarding the length of statements.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the practice of making concluding statements in the General Assembly and its Main Committees should be dispensed with except for statements by the presiding officers.

Section II.H

The General Committee took note of paragraph 27 on verbatim and summary records.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 28 on reproducing statements *in extenso*.

In connection with paragraph 29, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the practice of not reproducing *in extenso* statements made in a Main Committee should be maintained for the fifty-ninth session.

Section II.I

The General Committee decided to bring to the attention of the General Assembly the information contained in paragraph 30 relating to resolutions.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 31 of the memorandum dealing with the electronic and paper submission of draft resolutions and decided to draw the paragraph to the attention of the General Assembly.

Section II.J

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 32 to 36 of the memorandum concerning documentation.

Section II.K

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 37 to 41 of the memorandum dealing with the programme budget and conference services implications of proposals.

Section II.L

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly adopt a format referred to in paragraph 42 concerning observances and commemorative meetings.

Section II.M

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 43 of the memorandum concerning special conferences.

Observations on the organization of the work of the General Assembly (Section III)

The General Committee decided to bring to the attention of the General Assembly the information contained in paragraphs 44 and 45 of the memorandum.

Adoption of the agenda (Section IV)

The President informed members that the draft agenda has been organized, in accordance with paragraph 2 (a) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, under nine headings.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 48 of the memorandum regarding periodic reviews of the agenda.

The General Committee took note of paragraphs 49 to 51 of the memorandum regarding the provisions of paragraphs 2 (a), 4 (b) and 4 (d) of the annex to resolution 58/316 concerning the agenda.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 52 of the memorandum on the possibility of deferring considerations of some items to later sessions.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 53 of the memorandum regarding the granting of observer status in the General Assembly.

The General Committee decided to invite the representatives of Egypt and Mexico, at their request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt and Mexico.

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Morocco and Peru.

Item 28

The General Assembly decided to recommend to the General Assembly that consideration of the inclusion of this item in the agenda be deferred to a later date.

Item 84

Statements were made by the representatives of Burkina Faso and Belgium.

The General Committee decided to defer its consideration of the item to the sixtieth session.

Heading A

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading A (Maintenance of international peace and security), taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 28 and 84.

Heading B

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading B (Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences).

Heading C

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading C (Development of Africa).

Heading D

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading D (Promotion of human rights).

Heading E

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading E (Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts).

Heading F

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Costa Rica, at its request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

The representative of Costa Rica made a statement.

The General Committee decided, at the request of the representative of Costa Rica, to recommend to move item 152 from Heading I to Heading F.

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading F (Promotion of justice and international law), taking into account the decision on item 152.

Heading G

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading G (Disarmament).

Heading H

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading H (Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations).

Heading I

Item 153

The representative of China made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation.

The General Committee decided to invite the representatives of Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, at their request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

Statements were made by the representatives of Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda under heading I.

Item 154

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include this item in the agenda under heading I.

Item 159

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of the Gambia made a statement.

The representative of China made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Nicaragua, Azerbaijan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Burkina Faso, Zambia and Algeria.

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, statements were made by the representatives of Chad, Solomon Islands, Swaziland, Palau, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Tuvalu, Malawi, the Marshall Islands, Belize and Saint Kitts and Nevis.

The General Committee decided to invite the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Paraguay, Spain, Jamaica, Myanmar, Cuba, Cambodia, Argentina, Morocco, Honduras, Turkmenistan, Burundi, Tunisia, Nigeria, Tajikistan, Uganda, Mongolia, Suriname, Sierra Leone, Equatorial Guinea, Mexico, Guyana, Cyprus, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Belarus and Venezuela, at their request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Paraguay, Spain, Jamaica, Myanmar, Cuba, Cambodia, Argentina, Morocco, Honduras, Turkmenistan, Burundi, Tunisia, Nigeria, Tajikistan, Uganda, Mongolia, Suriname, Sierra Leone, Equatorial Guinea, Mexico, Guyana, Cyprus, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Belarus and Venezuela.

2nd meeting

Item 159 (continued)

Statements were made by the representatives of France, the Russian Federation, Bangladesh, Djibouti, the Islamic Republic of Iran and El Salvador.

The General Committee decided to invite the representatives of Saint Lucia, South Africa, Ukraine, Mauritius, Côte d'Ivoire, Sri Lanka, the Republic of Moldova, the Congo, the Sudan, Georgia, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Bolivia, Malta, Lebanon, the Central African Republic, Madagascar, Trinidad and Tobago, Costa Rica, Yemen, Dominica, Angola, Somalia, Namibia, Zimbabwe, the United Republic of Tanzania, Brazil, Gabon, Afghanistan, Eritrea, Colombia, Guinea Bissau, Germany, Italy, Rwanda, Romania, Guatemala, the Niger, Benin, Papua New Guinea, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Indonesia and Greece, at their request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

Statements were made by the representatives of Saint Lucia, South Africa, Ukraine, Mauritius, Côte d'Ivoire, Sri Lanka, the Republic of Moldova, the Congo, the Sudan, Georgia, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Bolivia, Malta, Lebanon, the Central African Republic, Madagascar, Trinidad and Tobago, Costa Rica, Yemen, Dominica, Angola, Somalia, Namibia, Zimbabwe, the United Republic of Tanzania, Brazil, Gabon, Afghanistan, Eritrea, Colombia, Guinea Bissau, Germany, Italy, Rwanda, Romania, Guatemala, the Niger, Benin, Papua New Guinea, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Indonesia and Greece.

The meeting was temporarily suspended.

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement.

The General Committee decided to invite the representatives of Cameroon, Kyrgyzstan, Timor-Leste, Chile, Albania, Cape Verde, Iraq, Ethiopia, Barbados, Mali, Grenada, Nepal, Lesotho and Pakistan, at their request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cameroon, Kyrgyzstan, Timor-Leste, Chile, Albania, Cape Verde, Iraq, Ethiopia, Barbados, Mali, Grenada, Nepal, Lesotho and Pakistan.

The General Committee decided not to recommend the inclusion of this item in the agenda.

Item 160

The representative of Kazakhstan made a statement.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of Belarus made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the item in the agenda under Heading I.

Item 161

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kazakhstan and Bangladesh.

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Ukraine, at his request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

The representative of Ukraine made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the item in the agenda under Heading I.

Item 28

The General Committee, at the request of the delegations concerned, reverted to the consideration of the inclusion of item 28.

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Gabon, at his request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

The representative of Gabon made a statement.

The representative of Belgium made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly to defer the consideration of the item to the sixtieth session.

Allocation of items (Section V)

The General Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 56 of the memorandum dealing with guidelines for the allocation of items.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 57 of the memorandum concerning the criteria and procedures for the granting of observer status in the General Assembly.

Item 153

The General Committee decided to recommend that the item 153 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 154

The General Committee decided to recommend that the item 154 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 160

The General Committee decided to recommend that the item 160 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 161

The General Committee decided to recommend that the item 161 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Item 10

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it hear a brief presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report prior to the opening of the general debate.

Item 12

The General Committee took note of paragraph 61 of the memorandum.

Item 20

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 20 should be allocated to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for annual consideration.

Item 22

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 22 should be allocated to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for consideration every other year.

Item 23

The General Committee took note of paragraph 64 of the memorandum.

Item 40 (b) and 45

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that items 40 (b) and 45 should be allocated to the Second Committee for annual consideration.

Item 44

The General Committee took note of paragraph 66 of the memorandum.

Item 46

The General Committee took note of paragraph 67 of the memorandum.

Item 66

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the relevant paragraphs of the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency shall be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 66.

Item 96

The General Committee took note of paragraph of 69 of the memorandum.

Item 100

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the annual report by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Fund for Women shall

be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 92 of the draft agenda (Operational activities for development).

Item 107 (b)

The General Committee took note of paragraph 71 of the memorandum.

Item 111

The General Committee decided to defer consideration of the allocation of item 111 to the Third Committee to a later date.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the allocation of item 111 also to the First Committee, Second Committee and Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

The General Committee then proceeded to consider the allocation of items of the draft agenda in paragraph 74 of the memorandum.

Plenary items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/59/1, taking into consideration the action taken on items 28 and 161.

First Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/59/1.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/59/1, taking into consideration the action taken on item 84.

Second Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/59/1.

Third Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/59/1, taking into consideration the action taken on item 111.

Fifth Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/59/1.

Sixth Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/59/1, taking into consideration the action taken on items 152, 153, 154 and 160.

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Egypt, at his request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

The representative of Algeria made a statement.

Thursday, 16 September 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Second Committee

1st meeting

Organization of work

The Committee open its first meeting and had before it document A/C.2/59/L.1.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee read out adjustments/corrections to the programme of work.

The Committee approved the programme of work, as contained in A/C.2/59/L.1 and as orally adjusted and corrected by the Secretary of the Committee.

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session 2004

52nd meeting

Coordination, programme and other questions . . . . . [7]

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

(b) Proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2006-2007

The Council resumed its consideration of the item and had before it documents A/59/16, A/59/6 (relevant fascicles of A/59/6) and a document containing programme budget implications (E/AC.51/2004/7).

Oral decision

On the proposal of the President of the Council, the Council took note of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-fourth session, as contained in document A/59/16.

Non-governmental organizations (E/2004/32 and E/2004/L.38) . . . . . [12]

The Council decided to postpone consideration of the item to its next resumed substantive session.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

Economic and environmental questions . . . . . [13]

The Council resumed its consideration of the item.

The representatives of the United States, Benin and Cuba made statements.

Oral decision

On the proposal of the President of the Council, the Council decided to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States (A/59/99-E/2004/83) and decided to refer it to the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

(b) Science and technology

The Council resumed its consideration of the item.

The Council decided to postpone its consideration to the next resumed session.

Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits [6]

(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Council resumed its consideration of the item and had before it a draft text of a resolution circulated in English only.

The Council then adopted the draft resolution, as contained in the text circulated in English only.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters . . . . . [1]

Elections to fill outstanding vacancies

Commission on Population and Development

The Council elected Thailand to fill a postponed vacancy on the Commission for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2005.

The Council further postponed the election of one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2004, one member from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2005 and one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2007.

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

The Council elected Ms. Liliane Muzangi Mbela (Democratic Republic of the Congo) for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2005 to fill a vacancy arising from the demise of Ms. Njuma Ekundanayo.

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

The Council elected Argentina to fill a postponed vacancy on the Working Group for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2006.

The Council postponed the election of one member from Asian States, two members from Latin American and Caribbean States and three members from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2005.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway Network. Bangkok, 18 November 2003

Ratification: Myanmar (15 September 2004)[1]

Amendment to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 21 December 2001

Acceptance: Denmark (15 September 2004)[1]

Treaty Event
Focus 2004: Treaties on the Protection of Civilians
United Nations Headquarters
(21-24 September 2004)

Signature of and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary General

The Treaty Event will take place from 21 to 24 September 2004 at Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 12 March 2004, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those relating to the protection of civilians, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-3942; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

Delegations were also requested to submit copies of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval, or accession, including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, full powers to the Treaty Section by Monday, 13 September 2004, for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

The publication *Multilateral Treaty Framework: An Invitation to Universal Participation Focus 2004: Treaties on the Protection of Civilians* is currently being circulated to all of the Permanent Missions in New York. This publication contains a list of the 24 core treaties relating to the protection of civilians, summaries of key provisions and relevant final clauses, and their status as at 26 March 2004. This information can also be obtained from the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC) Web site (http://untreaty.un.org). It is further noted that the texts and status of all multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General can be obtained from the above Web site under the heading Status of Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General.

Further information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the Treaty Handbook, which is also available on the UNTC Web site.

Treaty Event on treaties relating to transit transport
United Nations Headquarters
(21-24 September 2004)

Deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary General

The Treaty Event relating to treaties on transit transport will be organized within the framework of the Focus 2004 Treaty Event, which will take place from 21 to 24 September 2004 at Headquarters.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 28 May 2004, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession pertaining to treaties relating to transit transport, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of the Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-3942; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

Delegations were also requested to submit copies of instruments of ratifications, acceptance, approval, or accession, including, where appropriate, texts of declarations, reservations and notifications to the Treaty Section by Monday, 13 September 2004, for verification.

Summaries of the key provisions of and benefits to be derived from as well as the texts of the treaties relating to transit transport are currently being circulated to all of the Permanent Missions in New York. These documents are entitled Issues Note on Selected International Transit Transport Conventions, and Selected International Conventions and Agreements on Transit Transport - Compilation of Electronic Texts. These documents and other relevant information relating to the seminar held on 8 July 2004 are available on the Web sites of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (www.un.org/ohrlls), the Economic Commission for Europe (www.unece.org), and the United Nations Treaty Collection (http://untreaty.un.org). The United Nations Treaty Collection also contains the status of the treaties relating to transit transport.

Treaty Event
Rotterdam Convention on the prior informed consent procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade
International Conference Centre
Geneva (23 to 24 September 2004)

Deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with the Secretary-General

The above treaty event will take place from 23 to 24 September 2004 during the first Meeting of the Conference of the Parties at the International Conference Center in Geneva (rue Varembé 15). The event, which will be covered by the media, will be undertaken in a solemn setting. Arrangements will be made for delegations and others to witness the event.

Delegations that wish to deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Rotterdam Convention during the event are advised to contact the Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention (UNEP Chemicals) at the below address to make the necessary arrangements. Delegations are also requested to submit in advance copies of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, including, where appropriate, texts of declarations, no later than 17 September 2004.

Delegations may also contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs at United Nations Headquarters in New York for information on the above (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

The text and status of the Convention can be obtained from the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site at the following address: http://untreaty.un.org.

UNEP Chemicals
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
11-13, Chemin des Anémones
CH-1219 Châtelaine, Geneva
Tel. (+41 22) 917-8184
Fax. (+41 22) 797-3460
E-mail: esobakina@unep.ch

Other announcements

Summit of World Leaders for the Action against Hunger and Poverty

The Summit of World Leaders for the Action against Hunger and Poverty, organized by the Governments of Brazil, Chile, France and Spain, will be held on Monday, 20 September 2004, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Presidents of Brazil, Chile, France and Spain will hold a press conference at 6.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4, following the adjournment of the meeting. For further information, please visit www.mre.gov.br/ingles/politica_externa/temas_agenda/acfp.

Security announcement

At the request of delegations, the Pass and Identification office hours will be extended to accommodate members of delegations by prior arrangement with Sergeant C. Mammen (tel. 1 (917) 367-5312 or (212) 963-7533).

The Permanent and Observer Missions are reminded that for security reasons, the garage will be closed for parking at 8 p.m. on Sunday, 19 September 2004, and will reopen to authorized vehicles at 4 a.m. on Monday, 20 September 2004. All vehicles must be removed from the garage not later than 8 p.m. on Sunday, until the reopening of the garage on Monday. Remaining vehicles will be towed and stored at the owner's expense.

New United Nations stamps

On Tuesday, 21 September 2004, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "My Dream for Peace One Day". Details on the new stamps can be found in Information Circular ST/IC/2004/41.

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Presidency of the General Assembly:
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Department for General Assembly and Conference Management:
www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_arabic.htm
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United Nations Webcast:
www.un.org/webcast

Presidency of the Security Council:
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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:
www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373
www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm
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Economic and Social Council:
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www.un.org/spanish/documents/esc/index.htm
www.un.org/chinese/ecosoc/2004/index.html

Department of Economic and Social Affairs:
www.un.org/esa

Dutch presidency of the European Union:
http://europa-eu-un.org

Journal of the United Nations:
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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

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